

The Chair, Lloyd Sullivan at 7:00pm called the regularly scheduled Selectmen's meeting to order. Those present included Jenifer Landman (Selectman) and Russell McAllister (Town Administrator). Jack Steiner was absent.

Questions & Comments

Mr. Sullivan made the announcement that Mr. Steiner had resigned from the Board of Selectmen. Mr. Sullivan read Mr. Steiner's letter of resignation (text appears below).

Mr. Lloyd Sullivan, Chairman of the Board of Selectmen,

Please accept this letter as my notice of resignation from the Board of Selectmen, effective immediately. I have served the Town in various capacities since I moved here in 1988, and am proud of my participation and contributions. Unfortunately, personal circumstances now dictate that my involvement come to an end. I urge the new Board to take a leadership role in healing the wounds of divisiveness as displayed by the elected Planning Board, and wish you well in these endeavors.

Sincerely,
Jack Steiner

Ms. Landman noted that Mr. Steiner would be missed. The remaining Board members agreed to act expeditiously to find a replacement.

Mr. Sullivan next announced that contrary to current rumor the old bowling located on Route 1 was not the future site for a sexually oriented business.

Mr. Robbie Robinson voiced concern over the issue of parking along Atlantic Avenue. Mr. Robinson noted the danger and risk posed by parking along Atlantic Avenue in front of the school, particularly during special events at the school. Debate ensued regarding the possibility of temporarily parking on the athletic fields.

Evergreen Drive Subdivision Bond - 7:15pm

Glenn Martin

Mr. Glenn Martin addressed the Board concerning the road bond for the Evergreen Drive subdivision. Mr. Martin explained that the bank had inadvertently rolled the cost of the road bond into the construction portion of his loan for the Evergreen Subdivision. This arrangement was causing short-term cash flow problems. After consultation with the bank he had decided to separate the road bond from the construction loan. The Town would still hold the road bond for the project in the full amount. Therefore, nothing would change in regards to the Town's position but for Mr. Martin the separation of the bond from the construction loan would resolve his cash flow problem. Mr. Martin explained that he wanted to apprise the Board of the issue and assure them that the road bond will stay in place in the same amount. The Board thanked Mr. Martin for taking time to explain the issue.

Fire Department Pump Truck Acquisition - 7:25pm

Fire Chief Thomas Lambert - Authorization to proceed with acquisition

Mr. Lambert addressed the Board regarding the acquisition of the pump truck as approved by last Town Meeting. Mr. Lambert noted that the vendor was holding the price quoted last year prior to Town Meeting. However, those prices were changing on August 17th. Mr. Lambert explained that it was necessary to place an order prior to that date to preserve the original price. The chassis would be ordered first. Once the

chassis was manufactured delivery date was approximately 180 days out. The TA noted that Mr. Lambert was seeking authority from the Board to act as agent for the Town in the purchase of the truck. Mr. Sullivan made the motion to allow Thomas Lambert to act as municipal agent and proceed with the necessary arrangements in procuring the vehicle. Ms. Landman seconded the motion. The vote was unanimous and so moved.

Solid Waste Committee - 7:35pm

George Lagassa – Pay as You Throw presentation

Mr. Lagassa provided a presentation on a pay as you throw (PAYT) program versus the current system of paying for municipal solid waste. It was noted that there was not equity within the current tax funded system. That is to say that a person putting one bag of trash out pays the same as a person who puts out twenty bags of trash. Current tax funded tipping fees are slightly higher than \$95,000. With a PAYT program that had a curbside recycling component, the solid waste cost would drop to \$54,000. The average cost per household under the current system, which includes tax, funded solid waste disposal and hauling is \$272 per year. Under a PAYT program that amount is anticipated to drop to approximately \$203 per year. Mr. Lagassa explained that reduction in the amount of solid waste was an important Town goal and PAYT combined with curbside recycling would make achieving this goal possible. Mr. Lagassa noted that the bag costs for the PAYT program would be \$2.35. The bags will be the standard 30-gallon size. The components within the bag price are listed below:

Disposal MSW	0.53
Collection	1.49
Bag Cost	0.18
Admin Cost	0.10
Marketing Price	0.05
Total Bag Cost	2.35

The largest cost item in the bag price is collection, which represents 63% of the total per bag price. Some discussion ensued regarding bag sizes and container sizes. Mr. Lagassa asked the Board for permission to proceed with developing a PAYT program that could be presented to the voters for consideration in March. The Board encouraged the Solid Waste Committee to proceed.

Selectmen Issues

Telecommunications Tower Access

Mr. Sullivan explained that the Town was having difficulties gaining access to Town owned land previously donated for the purpose of constructing a telecommunications tower. Mr. Sullivan noted that voters had approved construction of the telecommunications facility on Town owned land so as to improve wireless communications in Town. Mr. Sullivan also noted that American Tower was purchasing two base stations and antennas for the Fire and Police Departments to provide uninterrupted communications throughout Town. American Tower representatives had spoken with several property owners regarding the purchase of easements over their land to provide access to the Town owned site. Mr. Sullivan announced that the Board was in the process of reviewing and initiating eminent domain proceeding in order to gain access to Town owned property. Ms. Landman asked whether or not American Tower was offering more money for an easement than a property owner would receive under eminent domain proceedings? Mr. Sullivan believed that American Tower was offering more. The Town was only required to pay for the value of the easement, which is measured, by the width and length of the easement. The TA was directed to consult with Town Counsel regarding eminent domain proceedings.

Mr. Sullivan spoke about the increased number of mosquitoes in the Marsh this year and noted that the Salt Marsh restoration succeeded with reintroducing tidal flushing. Unfortunately, salt marsh restoration also restored the salt marsh habitat for mosquitoes. The TA was asked to have Michael Morrison attend a Selectmen's meeting and provide a status report. The TA agreed to arrange such a meeting.

Ms. Landman addressed the need to appoint another Selectperson to fill the current vacancy. Ms. Landman suggested that Mr. Sullivan get a number of names together and Ms. Landman would do the same. They could then compare names and move ahead with filling the current vacancy.

Ms. Landman next addressed the issue of legal representation for the planning board. Ms. Landman noted that the Board of Selectmen had authorized the Planning Board to hire an attorney of their choice for training purposes only. Ms. Landman suggested Clay Mitchell as he provided training for land use boards in New Hampshire. Ms. Laura Simmons (Planning Board Chair) wanted to hire an attorney for several hours. And Ms. Simmons was hoping to have planning board members present names for consideration.

Mr. John Simmons addressed the Board concerning the Planning Board's SOB (sexually oriented businesses) subcommittee. Mr. Simmons asked for permission from the Board to hire Bob Ciandella a noted expert in the field of crafting zoning ordinances to deal with sexually oriented businesses. Ms. Landman questioned the necessity of hiring specialized legal counsel when model ordinances currently exist. Mr. Simmons thought it prudent because the ordinance and the issue itself involved first amendment issues. Mr. Sullivan suggested that Mr. Simmons coordinate any hiring or use of an attorney with the TA so that costs could be tracked. Ms. Landman noted that she had researched the issue a great deal and had also gathered zoning ordinances currently utilized by other municipalities. Ms. Landman noted her dismay that she was not made part of the subcommittee given the amount of work she had completed on the issue. Ms. Laura Simmons assured Ms. Landman that it was an oversight and that she was welcome to sit on the subcommittee. Mr. Sullivan made the motion to allow the SOB subcommittee to choose an attorney for developing an ordinance dealing with sexually oriented businesses. Ms. Landman seconded the motion. The vote was unanimous and so moved.

Ms. Landman noted that she had received complaints about dumping on Sylvan Road. The TA agreed to have Chief Brian Page look into the issue.

Mr. Joe Arena addressed those assembled concerning a coalition meeting he had just attended in Rye. He noted that Rye was passing around a petition that advocated secession from the State over the issue of the statewide property tax. Mr. Arena described the statewide property tax as a form of socialism and a tax scheme designed to enslave the population. He noted that adequate education had yet to be defined. Mr. Arena felt strongly that the State Supreme Court had to get out of the business of passing laws.

Administration/Business

Mr. Sullivan made the motion to approve the meeting minutes of June 26th, July 23rd & August 3rd. Ms. Landman seconded the motion. The vote was unanimous and so moved.

The selectmen reviewed correspondence and/or signed:

- a. Payroll
- b. Manifest
- c. Appointments (various) signatures required
- d. Dennis Mires Architectural Services Contract
- e. Intent to Cut – Charles Tavano & Kathy Champagne
- f. Nursing Home Residency Certification – Linwood Taylor

- g. Cemetery Deed – Norman & Kristin Stevens
- h. Health Officer Appointment – Corey Landry (signatures required)
- i. Coakley Minutes
- j. Executive Council Newsletter
- k. Rockingham County Nursing Home – Admissions pending
- l. [Michael Iafolla – Request for reimbursement expenses](#)

The TA explained that Mr. Iafolla had requested payment for time and mileage associated with his attendance at a court proceeding involving the ZBA. Mr. Sullivan made a motion to approve Mr. Iafolla's reimbursement request. The motion failed for a lack of a second.

- m. North Hampton Business Association Letter
- n. [E. Coli Update](#)

The TA briefed the Board on the status of the issue. He noted that he and the Health Officer and representatives from Leggette, Brashears & Graham, Inc. concerning a surface water quality assessment and monitoring program to address the e coli issue. The TA noted that the Town simply did not have the staff hours nor the prerequisite expertise in the field to adequately address the issue. The above referenced firm provided professional ground water and environmental services. The TA had asked the firm to submit a scope of work and cost estimate for their services. He noted that the package was due by Friday.

- o. [Local 3211 IAFF negotiation dates](#)

The Board reviewed tentative dates to begin negotiations with Local 3211. August 28th at 10am was chosen as the date to commence preliminary negotiations.

[Adjournment](#)

There being no further business to come before the Board Mr. Sullivan made the motion to adjourn. Ms. Landman seconded the motion. The meeting adjourned at approximately 9:10pm. Mr. Sullivan made the motion to convene in Non-Public Session under RSA 91-A:3 II (a) to discuss personnel issues. Ms. Landman seconded the motion. The vote was unanimous and so moved.

Respectfully,

Russell McAllister
Town Administrator